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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF

Administrative Action

RICHARD L. HOLES, P.E. License No. 24GE04092600 CONSENT ORDER

OF

TO PRACTICE ENGINEERING

SUSPENSION OF

IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

LICENSURE

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THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors ("Board") upon receipt of information that on or about March 21, 2012 the Pennsylvania State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and

Geologists ("Pennsylvania Board") entered an "Order" adopting and approving a "Consent Agreement and Order" executed by the Respondent, Richard L. Holes, P.E., at which time his Pennsylvania license to practice engineering was suspended for 1 year, 30 days active and the remainder to be stayed and served as probation with certain terms and conditions.

More specifically, the Pennsylvania Board found that Respondent was guilty of misconduct in the practice of the profession by having made misleading, deceptive, or untrue statements in the practice of engineering when he submitted Well Abandonment Forms to PADEP knowing that the forms are generally submitted to certify the proper closing of a monitoring well while knowing that the monitoring wells, MW # 1, MW #2 and MW #4, had not been properly abandoned.

As a result of the foregoing, the Board has determined that the Pennsylvania disciplinary action provides a basis to take disciplinary action against Respondent's New Jersey license to practice engineering pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g).

IT NOW APPEARING that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within Order adequately protects the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 20 day of Sent, 2012, ORDERED AND

- 1. Respondent's license to practice engineering in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended for one (1) years, to be stayed in its entirety and served as a period of probation. Said probationary period shall not terminate until Respondent demonstrates to the Board's satisfaction that his probationary period in Pennsylvania has successfully terminated and that he holds an active unrestricted license to practice engineering in Pennsylvania.
- 2. During the probationary period, Respondent agrees that in the event he violates the Pennsylvania Consent Agreement and Order, or is determined to be in violation of any statute and/or regulation which the Board administers, then Respondent's license to practice engineering in the State of New Jersey shall be automatically suspended without a hearing, in addition to any other limitations or restrictions as the Board deems appropriate. Additionally, Respondent has an affirmative duty to immediately inform the Board in writing of any potential or actual violations. Within five (5) days of notification of the suspension, Respondent may seek a hearing by written application to the Board limited to

the sole issue of whether a violation of this Consent Order has occurred.

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

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PERRY SCHWARTZ, P.

Board President

I have read and I understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I further hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Order.

RICHARD L. HOLES, P.E.